

CAMPAIGN FINANCE DIVISION

☒ WAIVER REQUEST

☐ RECONSIDERATION REQUEST

DATE: 2/24/2021

DOCKET #:

FILER INFORMATION

Name: Lawrence Marie Brown

Office: Mayor, City of Monroe

Parish: OUACHITA

Election Date: 7/11/2020

Level of Office: District

REPORT INFORMATION

Name of Report: 10-G

Original Due Date: 8/5/2020

Date Filed: 8/13/2020

Activity Receipts: \$ 360.20

Expenditures: \$ 429.00

Funds at Close of Reporting Period: \$-0

LATE FEE INFORMATION

Amount of Late Fee: \$480

Days Late: 8

Late Fee Order Received: 9/28/2020

Payment/Waiver Request Due Date: 10/19/2020

Waiver Request Received: 10/6/2020

Additional Information Requested:

- Medical
- Financial
- Other

COMMENTS: Teresa L. Brooks, report preparer for Lawrence Brown request a waiver and states the following: Due to the COVID49 outbreak, the incubator offices were closed on March 20' and we were not allowed to return to the offices until July on a limited basis. We moved out of the incubator office at the end of July. Unfortunately, the filing paperwork, campaign instruction materials, campaign finance records and passwords to the LEADERS (Louisiana Ethics Administration Disclosure and Electronic Reporting System) online filing system were misplaced during tile move.

OTHER LATE FEE INFORMATION

Campaign Finance:

Other Outstanding Reports: No

Other Outstanding Late Fees: No

Prior Late Fees: No

Reassessed Late Fees: No

Disclosure Statements:

Other Outstanding Late Fees: No

Prior Late Fees: No

Ms. Lawrence Marie Brown

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October 5, 2020

Board of Ethics
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PO Box 4368
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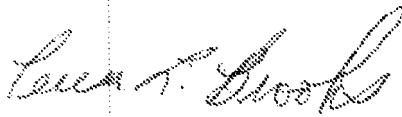
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This letter is to ask that the late assessment fee of \$480 assessed against Lawrence Marie Brown for failure to file a 10th Day Prior to General Report (10-G) by August 5, 2020 be waived.

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September 25, 2020

Ms. Lawrence Marie Brown
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CERTIFIED MAIL

NO. 70200640000107319178

RETURN RECEIPT REQUESTED

RE: Late fee assessment for the July 11, 2020 Election
104G Campaign Finance Disclosure Report filed 8 days late

Dear Ms. Brown:

Enclosed is an assessment of a late fee pursuant to La. R.S. 18:1505.4 and La. R.S. 18:1511.4.1. Please submit a check or money order in the amount of \$480 payable to the Treasurer of the State of Louisiana to P. O. Box 4368, Baton Rouge, LA 70821. Please note that late fees can only be paid by the candidate or by his campaign.

You have 20 days from receipt of this letter to dispute this assessment. You may elect to do either or both of the following:

1. You may submit your request for a waiver to the attention of the Louisiana Board of Ethics.

Waivers are handled by the Ethics Board. The Board of Ethics may reduce, suspend, or decline to waive a late fee assessment based on the cause shown by the person, candidate, or political committee. If you submit a request for a waiver of the late fee to the Board of Ethics, your request should contain details as to why, in your opinion, you have good cause why your report was not timely filed. Also, if you would like to appear before the Board of Ethics in connection with your request, you should state that in your letter. The request should be submitted to the attention of the Board of Ethics at the following address: P. O. Box 4368, Baton Rouge, LA 70821 or fax at (225) 381-7271.

2. You may appeal the assessment directly to the Ethics Adjudicatory Board (EAB).

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July 11, 2020 Election

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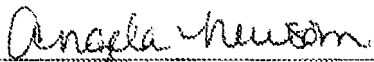
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WHEREAS, La. R.S. 18:1505.4A(2)(a)(ii) provides that an automatic late fee of \$60 per day (not to exceed \$2,000) be assessed against Lawrence Marie Brown for this late filing.

ACCORDINGLY, IT IS ORDERED that a late fee of \$480 is assessed against Lawrence Marie Brown for failure to timely file his campaign finance disclosure report.

ORDER signed on the 25th day of September 2020 at Baton Rouge, Louisiana.



Angela Newsom, Director
Campaign Finance & Lobbying Division

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To: Louisiana Board of Ethics

From: Teresa Brooks

Subject: Late Fee Assessment

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Date: 10/6/2020

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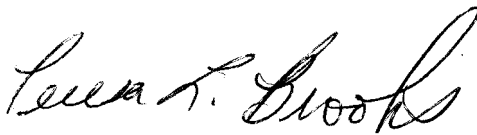
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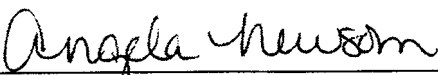
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